



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING DONNA MARIA LEBOTS-MISBEEK POSTHUMOUSLY FOR HER SERVICE TO THE VETERANS STAND DOWN

WHEREAS, The passing of Donna Maria Lebots-Misbeek, whose unconditional giving earned her the respect and admiration of her family, friends, and the countless individuals whose lives she touched, has brought immense sorrow to the people of Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, Donna grew up in Santa Barbara and raised her family in Santa Maria. She spent the majority of her career as a paralegal, retiring after 53 years from a profession she truly loved. In 1971 she chartered the Santa Maria Chapter of Legal Secretaries Association. She was a devoted wife and mother to her two boys. Her passions were helping others and volunteering with local charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Donna made a substantial contribution to the Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down—several truckloads of donations, new clothing, hygiene products, and so much more. Along the way she shared a few thoughts with us regarding her participation in Stand Down:

“It truly is my pleasure--I love to see and hear people’s enthusiasm when I get to tell them about the program--it is wonderful to finally see this important issue getting the attention it needed and deserved--I am honored to be a part of helping to spread the word and hopefully make a difference. I just forge ahead taking advantage of sales, bonus rewards, friendships, calling due some favors I have done over the years, and wow it has all added up nicely. When growing up we were poor, and at one point lost everything we had except for our cars and the clothes on our backs, in a fire, without insurance, and I know what it is like to have no home, no money for special or fun things, and the Stand Down is kind of like Christmas...I'm proud to have contributed, and I hope you will be pleased and proud;” and

WHEREAS, Donna is survived by her beloved husband George Lebots-Misbeek of Santa Barbara and her son Jeff Hite of Santa Maria; now;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HERBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors joins the community in celebrating the accomplishments and legacy of a caring individual who lived life to the fullest and whose spirit will live forever in the hearts and memories of all of her loved ones.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 11th day of October, 2016, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Sharon Reyesato
Clerk of the Board

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